House. Now that the matter had been raised, he hoped that the suggestion which he had just made would be taken note of by the Press for future guidance.

Inter-village Communications in Honnali Taluk.

Q.—119. **Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA** (Honnali—Rural).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent by Government in Honnali Taluk for inter-village communication in the years 1937-38, 1938-39, 1939-40 and 1940-41 ;

(*b*) the amount provided for Honnali Taluk from the Inter-village Communication Fund in the current year ;

(*c*) from what villages in Honnali have petitions been received requesting facilities for the inter-village communication ;

(*d*) out of those petitions, how much amount has been allotted and to how many roads ;

(*e*) for how many roads estimates have been prepared ;

(*f*) how many roads were decided to be taken up in the Honnali Taluk Conference of 1940-41 and what is the action taken in respect of roads so decided to be taken ?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).**—

(*a*) No amount was spent through the Revenue Department.

(*b*) Allotments are not yet made for the current year.

(*c*) (1) Chinnikatte,
(2) Belagutti,
(3) Rameswara,
(4) Tharaganahalli.

(*d*) The question is not clear.

(*e*) An estimate for Rs. 24-11-0 has been prepared for taking up one road work, *viz.*, Chinnikatte-Belagutti Road through the Kudurekonda Range of hills. A sum of Rs. 20,564 has been allotted towards this work.

(*f*) Resolutions were passed praying for taking up three road works.

The matter has been referred to the President, District Board, Shimoga, for consideration as resolved upon at the Taluk Conference.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—With reference to the answer to (*a*), was any amount spent through any other department ?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Notice.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—What is the allotment made for the Shimoga District?

Mr. H. V. NARAYANA RAO.—Allotments have not yet been made for the current year

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—Will not the works be unnecessarily delayed if the allotments are not made ?

The MINISTER for LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT and PUBLIC HEALTH (Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda).—Not necessarily. Part of the last year's allotment is probably available, and the work may be proceeded with, with its help. Estimates for the current year are expected to come up only now, and when received, Government may sanction them.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—To what year does the estimate referred to in the answer to (*e*) relate ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Probably that is part of the allotment made last year.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—Has the estimate been sanctioned ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Not yet. The relative records are awaited.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—With reference to answer (*f*), is it possible for the Shimoga District Board to take up three road works, with its poor finances ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—It is for the District Board to say whether they can take up the works or not.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—In view of its known inability to find funds, will the required amount be provided from the Inter-village Communication Fund ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—If the local body concerned cannot find the funds, the Deputy Commissioner has the discretion vested in him either to take up the works or not.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—Will circular instructions be issued to the Deputy Commissioners that they must take up important works even in such cases ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—They have been instructed already.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—When was the Inter-village Communication Fund formed?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Last year.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—How is it that it is stated in the answer (*a*) that no amount has been spent for inter-village communications through the Revenue Department?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—The member who put the question wanted figures for the four years from 1937-38 to 1940-41. But, as the fund was formed only last year, it was thought that he wanted to know whether any amounts had been spent through the Revenue Department and so, that answer was given.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—May I know whether the allotment for the last year has been fully utilised?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—The amount was allotted only in February last. So, it might not have been fully spent.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that in many places the allotments have lapsed?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—If the works have been executed, they can be paid for even now.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—Who is in charge of the fund?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—The Deputy Commissioner.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—Who scrutinises the bills?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—The local P.W.D. officers.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—If there should be any difference of opinion between those officers and the Deputy Commissioner in the matter of taking up any particular road works and incurring expenditure thereon, how can it be obviated?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Recently the Comptroller to Government has issued detailed instructions on the strength of orders passed by Government on all those points.

Mr. K. CHIKKALINGIAH.—Can the sum of Rs. 20,564 allotted towards the Chinnikatte-Belagutti Road work last year be spent now?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes. The amount does not lapse.

Mr. N. CHANNAPPA.—Have the Government received programmes of inter-village road works from any of the Deputy Commissioners this year?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Not yet. Instructions have been issued to them to expedite submission of programmes.

Mr. N. CHANNAPPA.—Has not the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur District sent up the programme for the current year?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Notice.

Mr. N. CHANNAPPA.—At least last year, was any programme received from him?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I think so.

Mr. N. CHANNAPPA.—Were any of the works included in that programme sanctioned by Government?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Government do not sanction the programme. It is sent merely for the information of Government. The Deputy Commissioner himself can sanction it.

Mr. N. CHANNAPPA.—But, are the Government aware that the Deputy Commissioner thinks that sanction of Government is necessary and that he has to send up the programme for sanction?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes. And that was why instructions were issued about a month ago, clearing all doubts.

Mr. N. CHANNAPPA.—Are the instructions the same as those published in the *Mysore Gazette* some time back?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I do not know which issue of the *Gazette* the member is referring to. Anyhow, necessary instructions have been issued.

Mr. N. CHANNAPPA.—Cannot Deputy Commissioners themselves take action to push on with the works immediately after preparing the programmes? Why should they send up

programmes to Government and await their sanction ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Government have issued instructions to the effect that in respect of road works costing above Rs. 7,500, sanction of Government must be obtained, but in respect of works costing less than that sum the Deputy Commissioners can go ahead with them.

Mr. K. L. NAGABHUSHANA BHATTA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that this year's road programme in the Kadur District has not been sanctioned by the Deputy Commissioner as yet ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—That is why, as I already said, instructions have been given that the inter-village road works should be commenced immediately and that the funds allotted should be fully utilised.

Mr. T. C. BASAPPA.—Are there any taluk representatives on the several District Committees ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—There are representatives of the village panchayets, probably.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHYCHAR.—Are there non officials on the committee? Who are all the members generally ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—The District Board President, the Deputy Commissioner, the Executive Engineer and two non-official members in the district. But I am saying this from memory only.

Mr. H. KRISHNAMURTHYACHAR.—There are no representatives of taluks ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—If the member has any definite views on the matter, he may communicate them to the authorities concerned.

Mr. GURUNATHA KRISHNA NADIGAR.—May I submit that there must be at least 3 non-official members on each of the District Committees ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I thank the member for that suggestion.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—If persons who do not represent any of the panchayets have been nominated to the District Committees, should they not be replaced by others representing such institutions ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I cannot answer that question. Selection is left to the Deputy Commissioner

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—Why should the committees not consist of only chosen representatives of the people ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Whoever takes interest will be nominated.

Mr. M. B. GURULINGIAH.—If any nominations have been made in contravention of the rules, will they be cancelled ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—If any specific cases are first brought to notice, I shall be prepared to answer the question.

Mr. S. N. M. RAZVI.—Are there any rules to the effect that only such and such persons should be selected ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—No.

Mr. S. N. M. RAZVI.—Are not the Government aware that the work of the committee cannot go on smoothly and efficiently if only village panchayet members are selected and therefore a few others also are being selected ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—I am afraid the discussion is going beyond the scope of the main question.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—Should not the establishment and tools and plant charges be deducted from the estimates of the concerned works ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—Yes, it is going to be done.

Mr. S. RAMAPPA.—On one side the District Board attends to District Fund road works and on the other the Government attend to State Fund road works. In the interest of all road works, cannot both of them combine and have a common agency and a common plan for executing all such works ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—That is more a suggestion which requires to be considered. No off-hand reply can be given to the question.

Mr. K. KOTTURAPPA.—Will the road work referred to in the question be commenced soon ?

Mr. H. B. GUNDAPPA GOWDA.—That is the desire of Government.